GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM CATEGORY - III
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian pilots are not trained for operating Instrument Landing System (ILS) Category-III;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the existing aircraft are also not equipped to land under Category-III;

(d) the quantum of money spent on installing ILS Category-III;

(e) the details of airports which do not have ILS Category-II; and

(f) the steps taken to impart training to our pilots to land under Category-III and to upgrade aircrafts accordingly?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b) At present, pilots of Air India, Indian Airlines and Jet Airways have been approvedfor Instrument Landing System (ILS) Category-II operations to/from IGI Airport, Delhi.Approval for ILS Cat.III operations will begranted after the pilots complete necessary training and acquire experience as stipulated by the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

(c) Airbus A-300 B.2/B.4 aircraft operated b y Indian Airlines, Boeing 737-200 aircraft operated by Alliance Air, Boeing 737-400/700/800 aircraft operated by Sahara India Airlines and Boeing 747-200/300 and Airbus 300 aircraft operated by Air India are not approved for ILS Cat.III operations.

(d) An amount of Rs.50 crores approx. has been spent in installation and operationalisation of ILS Cat.III Asystem at IGI Airport, Delhi. It also includes recarpeting of the runway.

(e) None of the airports are equipped with ILS Category-II, at present.

(f) Steps are taken by the airlines in training their pilots and to upgrade their aircraft as per the requirements laid down by the DGCA. The new aircraft are generally equipped to land under Cat-III ILS.